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This is in response to the Final Rejection dated June 3, 2005.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are rejected. Claims 1-20 are presently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

On pages 2-4 of the Final Rejection, claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yu et al. (USPN 6,494,943), or alternatively under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu et al. The Examiner indicates that Yu et al. teaches a colored pigment having properties similar to the claimed invention. The Examiner states that the particles disclosed in Yu et al. are from about 10 to 300 nm in size. The Examiner states that the ink composition filters through a 3.0 micron nylon absolute filter. The Examiner indicates that the colored pigment is typically as small as possible to enable a